

CLEAN AMENDED PARAGRAPHS/SECTIONS/CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Amend the following like-numbered claims:

1.(twice amended) A paintbrush holder comprising:
a clamp for engaging a rim of a paint can;
a magnet for engaging a ferrule of a paintbrush; and
a resilient member having a proximal portion attached to the clamp and having a distal portion attached to the magnet wherein the resilient member has a force constant selected to produce a displacement of the distal portion when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

2.(twice amended) The paintbrush holder of Claim 1 wherein the resilient member is a spring.

3.(twice amended) The paintbrush holder of Claim 1 wherein the resilient member is a length of resilient material.

4.(twice amended) A paintbrush holder comprising:
a resilient member having a proximal portion attached to a clamp for engaging the rim of a paint can and a distal portion attached to a magnet for engaging a ferrule of a paintbrush wherein the resilient member has a force constant selected to produce a displacement of the distal portion when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

5.(twice amended) The paintbrush holder of Claim 4 wherein the resilient member is a spring.

6.(twice amended) The paintbrush holder of Claim 4 wherein the resilient member is a length of resilient material.

7.(amended) A paintbrush holder comprising:
a magnet for engaging the ferrule of a paintbrush;
a clamp for engaging a rim of a paint can; and
a resilient member having a proximal end attached to the clamp and a distal end attached to the magnet wherein the resilient member has a force constant selected to produce a displacement of the distal end when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

13.(amended) A paintbrush holder comprising:
a magnet for engaging the ferrule of a paintbrush;
a magnet holder for bonding to the magnet;
a clamp for engaging a rim of a paint can; and
a resilient member having a proximal end attached to the clamp and a distal end attached to the magnet holder wherein the resilient member has a force constant selected to produce a displacement of the distal end when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

17.(amended) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 wherein the force constant of the resilient member is selected to limit acceleration of the paintbrush to no more than 0.75 g.

20.(amended) The paintbrush holder of Claim 1 wherein the force constant of the resilient member is selected to limit acceleration of the paintbrush to no more than 0.75 g.